



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Division of Community and Public Health
Section for Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology
Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis

HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral Program QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

July - September 2006

CTR Updates

REMINDER – EXPIRATION OF ORAQUICK KITS

PLEASE REMEMBER THE JANUARY 2007 EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR ORAQUICK KITS SO THAT WASTAGE THROUGH EXPIRATION IS AVOIDED. PLEASE CALL SONYA HENSON OR CHERYL BLAISE IF YOU HAVE KITS THAT WILL NOT BE USED BEFORE THEY EXPIRE.

Counseling, Testing & Referral Program Annual Meeting – is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Please mark your calendars. The agenda and additional information will be sent out prior to the meeting.

ORAQUICK ALLOTMENTS

The next OraQuick supplies are due to arrive in January 2007. We hope to distribute your allotment during the Counseling, Testing & Referral Program Annual Meeting January 31, 2007. **Please remember to use any kits you still have on hand first!**

STDs

Syphilis Outbreak Status Update - The following statistics are based on provisional data for January 1 through October 1, 2006.

St. Louis City has reported 40 cases of early syphilis. Of the 40 cases, 34 were male and 6 female. Also, 26 were African American and 14 White.

St. Louis County has reported 15 cases of early syphilis. All cases were male. Also, 10 were African American, 3 White and 2 Other.

Kansas City has reported 78 cases of early syphilis. Of the 78 cases, 64 were male and 14 were female. Also, 38 were African American, 35 White and 5 Other.

Southwest District has reported 22 cases of early syphilis.

Northwest District has reported 20 cases of early syphilis.

Central District has reported 11 cases of early syphilis.

Southeast District has reported 3 cases of early syphilis.

Eastern District has reported 7 cases of early syphilis.

For more information on syphilis outbreaks or numbers, please contact Melissa VanDyne, State Syphilis Elimination Coordinator, at (573) 751-6129.

For Review

One is Too Many...Early Identification, Intervention for a Better Outcome – Perinatal Hepatitis B, HIV, and Congenital Syphilis Workshops. Please see the [attached workshop description and registration form](#) for the locations and dates of upcoming workshops. There is still space available in the upcoming classes.

Lab Notes

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Statistics

Missouri CTR* Report		
3rd Quarter - 2006		
(Blood and Oral based on SPHL reports. Rapid based on site reports.)		
	# Tests	# Positive
July - Blood	1615	10
July - Oral	216	2
July - Rapid	399	5
TOTAL	2230	17
August - Blood	1990	16
August - Oral	240	3
August - Rapid	550	4
TOTAL	2780	23
September - Blood	1697	10
September - Oral	184	0
September - Rapid	362	3
TOTAL	2243	13
QUARTERLY TOTAL	7253	53
*CTR sites include those sites funded for CTR services and the agencies they subcontract with or provide testing supplies to (21 sites)		

Upcoming Events

December 1, 2006	WORLD AIDS DAY: December 1, 2006 The "STOP AIDS. Keep the Promise" theme is being continued this year with the focus on accountability. This theme, developed by the World AIDS Campaign support team, will hope to achieve the following objectives: enhance accountability from political leaders on their promises on AIDS; support a broad movement of civil society organizations campaigning to develop their sense of joint identity and common purpose; and, generate a greater public awareness of, and engagement with, the problems of AIDS worldwide. To find out more about World AIDS Day, go to www.worldsaidscampaign.org .
January 31, 2007	CTR Annual Meeting, Jefferson City

Contact Information

State CTR Program Contact Information

<p>Cheryl Blaise CTR Coordinator cheryl.blaise@dhss.mo.gov Ph: 660-385-1755 FAX: 660-385-6214 Cell: 660-384-1363</p>	<p>CTR policies/procedures HIV Laws and Rules</p>
<p>Sonya Henson CTR Quality Assurance Coordinator sonya.henson@dhss.mo.gov Ph: 573-751-6292 FAX: 573-751-6417</p>	<p>Data and Statistical needs Quality assurance visits/questions</p>
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<p>Karla Holzer Office Support Assistant karla.holzer@dhss.mo.gov Ph: 573-751-6120 FAX: 573-526-0235</p>	<p>Ordering of scan forms</p>
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Training Calendar

2007 HIV Training Calendar

Oral Test Method*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
January 22, 2007	St. Charles, Missouri	January 2, 2007
February 20, 2007	Independence, Missouri	January 29, 2007
April 9, 2007	St. Charles, Missouri	March 19, 2007
May 22, 2007	Independence, Missouri	May 1, 2007
July 16, 2007	St. Charles, Missouri	June 25, 2007
August 28, 2007	Independence, Missouri	August 6, 2007
October 15, 2007	St. Charles, Missouri	September 24, 2007
November 6, 2007	Independence, Missouri	October 15, 2007

HIV Prevention Counseling

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
January 23-24, 2007	St. Charles, Missouri	January 2, 2007
February 21-22, 2007	Independence, Missouri	January 29, 2007
April 10-11, 2007	St. Charles, Missouri	March 19, 2007
May 23-24, 2007	Independence, Missouri	May 1, 2007
July 17-18, 2007	St. Charles, Missouri	June 25, 2007
August 29-30, 2007	Independence, Missouri	August 6, 2007
October 16-17, 2007	St. Charles, Missouri	September 24, 2007
November 7-8, 2007	Independence, Missouri	October 15, 2007

Rapid Test Method*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
March 13, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	February 19, 2007
September 18, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	August 27, 2007

HIV Positives and Their Partners*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
March 14-15, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	February 19, 2007
September 19-20, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	August 27, 2007

*Prerequisite – HIV Prevention Counseling

Oral Test Method - May be taken in conjunction with HIV Prevention Counseling

Rapid Test Method - Must be taken in conjunction with HIV Positives and Their Partners

For information or to register for these trainings, please call (573) 522-9071 or toll-free (866) 628-9891. Confirmation letters will be sent to all training participants approximately two weeks prior to the date of the course. Class size is limited, so please register early. The Department of Health and Senior Services reserves the right to cancel a training; if so, participants will be notified.

Note: These trainings are offered free of charge. Transportation, lodging, and/or meals will be on your own.

Department of Health and Senior Services

Training Updates

Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis HIV Trainings Available

HIV Prevention Counseling (HPC)

This course is designed to develop a counselor's proficiency in conducting HIV Prevention Counseling. The focus of this course is to enable counselors to more effectively support clients to 1) identify their personal HIV risk behavior and circumstances; 2) identify specific risk reduction goals; and 3) develop a realistic, personalized action plan to achieve these goals. One unit of this course will focus on hepatitis and other STDs and how they are related to HIV transmission. A prerequisite for this course is basic HIV knowledge.

Oral Test Method (OTM)

This course prepares participants to collect oral specimens for HIV antibody detection and to educate clients about the oral test method. Participants will build skills in specimen collection by performing an oral test. A prerequisite for this course is attendance at HPC training and an approved plan to use this method of testing. (Attendance may be in conjunction with HPC.)

HIV Positives and Their Partners (Partner Counseling and Referral Services)

This course is designed for selected staff in agencies that deliver positive HIV results to clients. The curriculum focuses on services for individuals recently diagnosed with HIV and their sex and needle-sharing partners. Participants will build skills in partner elicitation, partner counseling, and referral service provision. A prerequisite for this course is HPC and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

HIV Rapid Test Method

This course prepares the participant to collect oral or blood specimens for rapid HIV antibody detection. A prerequisite for this course is HPC and HIV Positives and Their Partners (PCRS) and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

Registrations

All registrations must go through the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis staff, with priority given to contracted agencies with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. All courses have limited space available and are offered free of charge.

Registration deadlines will be strictly adhered to so early registration is recommended.

Rapid Testing Sites

<p>St. Louis Metro HIV Counseling & Testing 5535 Delmar East Annex, 2nd Floor, Room 203 St. Louis, MO 63112 PH: 314-612-5885 Contact: Dale Wrigley WrigleyD@stlouiscity.com</p>	<p>Kansas City Health Department 2400 Troost Kansas City, MO 64108 PH: 816-513-6074 Contact: Dinyelle Baker Dinyelle_Baker@kcmo.org</p>
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